

CITY COUNCIL

January 21, 2025

The January 21, 2025 City Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers by Kate Niederkohr, President. A moment of silence was observed followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. City Council members present were Kate Niederkohr, John Walker, Kenneth Wessler, Tom Karcher, Aaron Korte, Julia Lemire, and Scott Moore.

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; Ben Buckland, Law Director; Bob Snavelly, Palmer Energy; Paul Berger; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the January 6, 2025 City Council meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the January 6, 2025 Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the January 6, 2025 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the January 6, 2025 Planning Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the January 13, 2025 Park Board meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the January 13, 2025 Downtown Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

Mr. Korte thanked the Street Department employees for plowing and clearing snow from the roadways over the past weekend and during the current cold weather.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, to place Ordinance No. 4-14 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY, WYANDOT COUNTY, OHIO, IN THE MATTER OF THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED IMPROVEMENT AND TO REQUEST THE COOPERATION OF THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION, AND DECLARING THIS ACT AN EMERGENCY.", on its first reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 4-14 for the first time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, to suspend the rules of the Municipal Charter calling for separate readings on different days. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lemire, seconded by Mr. Korte, to place Ordinance No. 4-14 on its second reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 4-14 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 4-14. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 4-14 was duly adopted.

Mr. Bob Snavelly, Palmer Energy, addressed City Council regarding the City's natural gas and electric aggregation programs for City residents. Mr. Snavelly noted that the current price for the natural gas aggregation program ends in May 2025. Mr. Snavelly indicated that the price for natural gas will probably go up in May 2025 and they will be figuring out the new price at the end of February 2025 or the beginning of March 2025. Mr. Snavelly stated that IGS, the current natural gas supplier under the aggregation program, has indicated that they are willing to meet the increased price and not overcharge. Mr. Snavelly noted that the current price for the electric aggregation program ends in December 2025 and there is a possibility of seeing a capacity increase of 10x in June 2025.

The reappointment of Mr. Greg Moon to the Income Tax Board of Review for a two year term, as an appointment by City Council, was discussed.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mr. Moore, to approve the reappointment of Mr. Greg Moon to the Income Tax Board of Review for a two year term. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

At this time Mayor McColly presented his State of the City for 2024.

It was noted that City Council members received the City Auditor's Finance Report for December 2024.

City Council members received the Law Director's 2024 Annual Report and Mr. Buckland provided a summary of the report.

There being no further business, the President declared the meeting adjourned.

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Kate Niederkohr, President